

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Fleming (D)  
Rep. Garner (R)  
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 85; HB 525; HB 532

Executive Action: HB 85; HB 388; HB 436; HB 447; HB 448; HB 464; HB 525; HB 532;  
HB 533; HB 552

**HEARING ON HB 85**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:00 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 85, Provide actuarial funding for Sheriffs' Retirement System.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:29 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:02:56 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT**(sth41a01)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:17 Rep. Karjala

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 85**

00:04:27 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 85 BE TABLED**.

00:04:38 Rep. Fleming joined meeting

00:04:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON HB 525**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:57 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 525, Authorize automatic voter registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:06 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:09:35 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Research Council (NPRC)

00:10:32 Jules Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN), Montana Women Vote (MWV)

00:13:10 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

00:14:01 Claudette Morton, League of Women Voters (LWV)

00:14:48 Eric Stern, Governor's Office (GO)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:45 Rep. McKamey  
 00:17:12 Jules Shindel, MHRN, MWV  
 00:18:09 Rep. Webb  
 00:18:26 Jules Shindel, MHRN, MWV  
 00:18:42 Rep. Skees  
 00:19:00 Rep. Funk  
 00:19:31 Rep. Skees  
 00:19:43 Rep. Funk  
 00:21:39 Rep. Price  
 00:22:14 Rep. Funk  
 00:22:53 Rep. Greef  
 00:24:02 Rep. Funk  
 00:25:00 Rep. Staffanson  
 00:25:21 Rep. Funk  
 00:25:59 Rep. Staffanson  
 00:26:09 Rep. Funk  
 00:26:27 Rep. Skees  
 00:27:11 Rep. Funk  
 00:27:56 Rep. Greef  
 00:28:20 Rep. Funk  
 00:28:35 Rep. Bachmeier  
 00:28:59 Chair Mandeville  
 00:33:07 Rep. Funk  
 00:33:29 Rep. Bachmeier  
 00:34:11 Rep. Funk  
 00:34:56 Chair Mandeville  
 00:35:33 Rep. Funk  
 00:36:09 Rep. Webb  
 00:36:22 Rep. Funk  
 00:37:03 Rep. Sales  
 00:37:47 Rep. Funk

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:46 Rep. Funk

**HEARING ON HB 532**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:43 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 532, Establish online voter registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:45 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
 00:45:56 Jules Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN), Montana Women Vote (MWV)  
 00:48:28 Andrew Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)  
 00:49:47 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
 00:52:01 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Research Council (NPRC)  
 00:52:25 Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters (LWV)

00:52:58 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)  
00:54:07 Eric Stern, Governor's Office (GO)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:10 Rep. Bachmeier  
00:56:26 Kathy Bramer, AARP  
00:56:34 Rep. Bachmeier  
00:56:58 Kathy Bramer, AARP  
00:58:05 Rep. Webb  
00:58:28 Rep. Abbott  
00:58:40 Rep. Webb  
00:58:50 Rep. Abbott  
00:58:57 Rep. Skees  
00:59:10 Rep. Abbott  
00:59:24 Chair Mandeville  
00:59:34 Rep. Skees  
00:59:57 Chair Mandeville  
01:00:02 Rep. Skees  
01:00:04 Chair Mandeville  
01:00:07 Rep. Karjala  
01:00:36 Eric Stern, GO  
01:01:33 Rep. Custer  
01:02:34 Eric Stern, GO  
01:03:17 Chair Mandeville  
01:04:10 Rep. Abbott  
01:05:29 Chair Mandeville  
01:05:44 Rep. Abbott  
01:05:53 Rep. Karjala  
01:06:15 Kaitlyn Westhoff, MontPIRG  
01:06:53 Rep. Karjala  
01:07:02 Kaitlyn Westhoff, MontPIRG  
01:07:46 Rep. Custer  
01:08:31 Rep. Abbott  
01:08:39 Chair Mandeville  
01:09:06 Rep. Bennett  
01:09:31 Eric Stern, GO

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:43 Rep. Abbott  
  
01:10:40 Chair Mandeville  
  
01:11:54 Recess  
01:49:54 Reconvened with Rep. Garner present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 388**

01:50:10 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 388 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:50:28 Rep. Fleming

01:50:50 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 388 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(sth41a02)

00:50:16 Rep. A. Knudsen entered meeting

01:51:19 Rep. Hayman entered meeting

**Discussion:**

01:51:31 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:55:57 Rep. Sales

01:56:20 Rep. Fleming

01:56:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:57:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 388 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 436**

01:57:52 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 436 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:58:08 Rep. Price

01:59:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-16 by roll call vote with Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. Skees, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting aye.

02:00:43 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 436 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 447**

02:01:02 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 447 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:01:15 Chair Mandeville

02:01:41 Rep. Staffanson

02:02:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 448**

02:03:53     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 448 DO PASS.**

02:04:00     **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 448 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(sth41a03)

02:04:22     Rep. A. Knudsen left meeting

**Discussion:**

02:04:45     Rep Lenz

02:05:24     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:05:42     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 448 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:05:51     Rep. Price

02:06:11     Rep. Swanson

02:06:49     Rep. Bachmeier

02:07:26     **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 464**

02:08:51     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 464 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:09:04     Rep. Hayman

02:09:39     **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 464 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(sth41a04)

**Discussion:**

02:09:58     Sheri Scurr, LSD

02:10:10     Chair Mandeville

02:10:27     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:10:42     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 464 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

02:11:01     **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

02:12:52 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 464 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 533**

02:13:36 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 533 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:13:47 Rep. Karjala  
02:14:14 Rep. Shaw  
02:14:21 Rep. Knudsen rejoined meeting  
02:14:45 Rep. Custer  
02:15:33 Rep. Karjala

02:16:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Karjala voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 552**

02:18:16 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 552 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:18:35 Rep. Webber  
  
02:21:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye.

02:23:34 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 552 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 525**

02:23:58 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 525 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:24:11 Rep. Bennett  
02:25:21 Rep. Fleming  
02:26:25 Rep. Skees  
02:26:51 Rep. Custer  
02:27:56 Rep. McKamey  
02:28:33 Rep. Bachmeier  
  
02:29:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye.

02:31:09 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 525 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 532**

02:31:25     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 532 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:31:34     Rep. Hayman  
02:32:53     Rep. Staffanson  
02:33:12     Rep. Webber  
02:34:10     Rep. Garner  
02:35:01     Rep. Bennett  
02:37:49     Rep. Custer  
02:39:53     Rep. Staffanson  
02:40:16     Rep. Webber

02:41:35     **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Custer, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye.

02:43:03     **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 532 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

02:43:24     Chair Mandeville  
02:44:07     Sheri Scurr, LSD  
02:45:10     Rep. Bennett  
02:45:51     Chair Mandeville  
02:46:30     Rep. Garner  
02:46:55     Chair Mandeville  
02:47:02     Rep. Custer  
02:47:14     Chair Mandeville



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:47:46

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth41aad.pdf](#))**